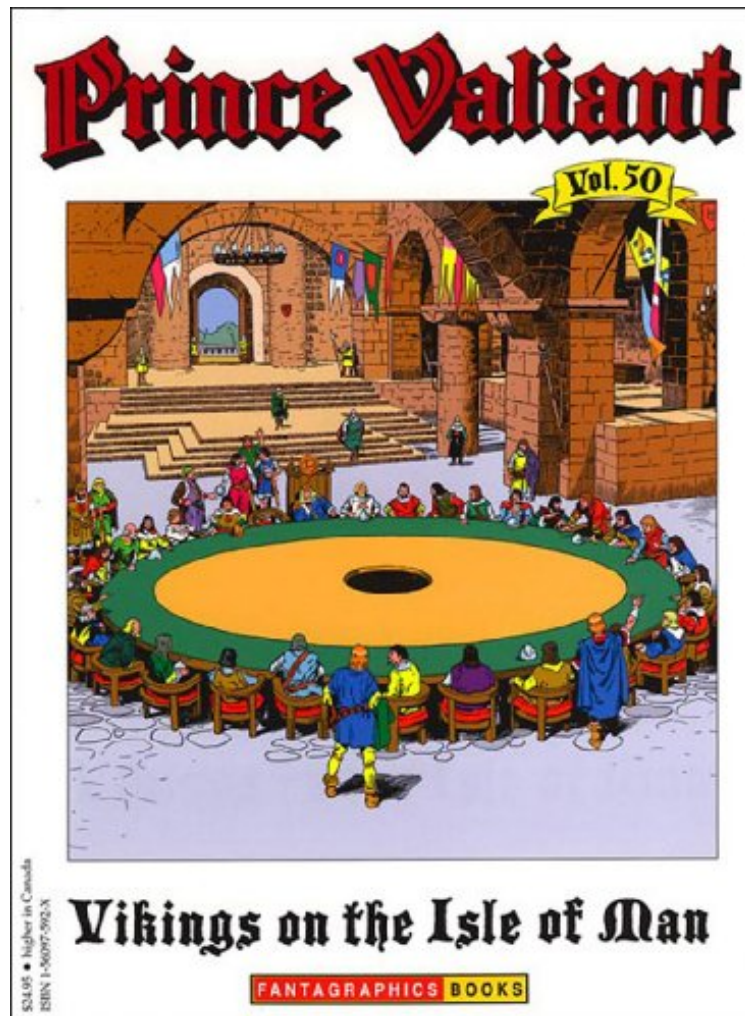


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Prince Valiant stands high over its competition in the Adventure/Classical genre of the Newspaper Sunday. -- Comics Buyer's Guide About the Author Hal Foster (1892-1982) created Prince Valiant in 1937. Foster passed away in 1982. John Cullen Murphy, a six-time recipient of the National Cartoonists Society's "Best Story Strip," continues to draw Prince Valiant, while his son, Cullen Murphy, writes the strip in between serving as the Managing Editor for The Atlantic. He lives in Connecticut with his wife Joan.